

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: The Webb-Brown House Survey Number: PG 72X-16  
Project: Metrorail Extension: Addison Rd. to Largo Agency: MTA  
Site visit by MHT Staff: X no      yes Name                      Date                       
Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended       
Criteria:     A     B XC     D Considerations:     A     B     C     D     E     F     G     None  
Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Webb-Brown House (also known as Glenway or the Berry-McKeel House) is located at 7600 Willow Hill Drive, just east of Seat Pleasant in Prince George's County, MD. The property, which consists of a ca. 1870 frame farmhouse and several early 20th-century outbuildings, is considered eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Webb-Brown House is a two-part frame dwelling consisting of a principal block and kitchen wing and located on a high point of land in a now densely developed residential subdivision. The main block of the house is a 2-1/2-story, five-bay, central-passage-plan structure. It sits upon a low brick foundation, is covered with a gable roof with a brick end chimney and a bracketed cornice. A five-bay porch with chamfered posts and open-work, jigsaw brackets extends across the facade and shelters the central entry, articulated by a bracketed surround. The interior is divided into three rooms off of a central corridor (one large parlor on the west and two smaller parlors on the east).

The kitchen wing is a two-bay frame wing extending off the east end wall of the main block of the house. It is set upon a raised brick foundation and is covered with a catslide roof with two chimneys located between the wing and the main block of the house. The interior of the wing consists of one room and shows evidence of having been built with re-used, early to mid-19th-century materials. North of the house is a non-contributing concrete block garage, and southeast of the house is a non-contributing concrete block implement shed.

The house was built ca. 1870 by then-owner John F. Webb on property which was already improved in the early 1850s with a house; based upon architectural findings, it is likely that the kitchen wing was built using materials salvaged from the earlier house on the site. Following Webb's death, the property was sold, in 1899, to Richard Brown who farmed the land; the property remained in Brown family hands until the 1970s. The property survives as a noticeable landmark in a developed area, and a rare example of a post-Civil-War-era farmhouse. The property qualifies for listing on the National Register under Criterion C.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance

Prepared by: Susan G. Pearl, MHT form, 1988; Margaret Slater, Historic Preservation Specialist, Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas, Inc., "Assessment of Effects to Architectural/Historical Properties Pursuant to 36 CFR 800, Proposed Addison Road to Largo Town Center Metrorail Extension, Prince George's County, MD.", 1996.

Kimberly Prothro Williams June 20, 1996  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: X yes      no      not applicable  
Peter G. Fenty 6/24/96  
Reviewer, NR program Date

## MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

## I. Geographic Region:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

## II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle Woodland	500 B.C. - A.D. 900
<input type="checkbox"/>	Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
<input type="checkbox"/>	Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown Period ( <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> historic)	

## III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Subsistence
<input type="checkbox"/>	Settlement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Political
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demographic
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technology
<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Adaptation

## IV. Historic Period Themes:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
<input type="checkbox"/>	Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government/Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Military
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Educational/Cultural
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation

## V. Resource Type:

Category: BuildingHistoric Environment: RuralHistoric Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Glenway (Berry-McKeel House)

and/or common Webb-Brown House (preferred)

## 2. Location

street & number 7600 Willow Hill Drive ☐ not for publicationcity, town Seat Pleasant ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince Georg's

## 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Bethel Bible Church

street &amp; number 2101 Shadyside Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Suitland state and zip code Maryland 20746

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince Georg's County Courthouse liber 6053

street &amp; number Main Street folio 775

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date July 1981 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Prince Georg's County Historic Preservation Commission c/o MNCPPC

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

## 7. Description

Survey No. PG#72X-16

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Webb-Brown House is a two-part side-gabled frame dwelling which stands on a high point of land in a densely developed new residential subdivision. It consists of a two-and-one-half-story main block which is attached to a lower two-story wing which has a cat-slide roof. The house is distinguished by its handsomely bracketed cornice and porch posts.

The main block is five bays by two bays, with entrance in the central bay of the five-bay main south facade. Entrance is through a double glazed door, each leaf having 15 panes. The door has a plain board surround. There is a large two-pane transom, above which is a molded cornice supported by two jig-sawn console brackets; between the brackets are seven smaller molded modillions. The south facade is sheltered by a one-story hip-roof facade-wide porch. The porch is supported by chamfered posts with openwork jigsawn brackets; the posts rest on brick piers. The porch rests on a brick foundation.

The wood siding of the main block is sheathed with white asbestos shingle. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash with plain board surrounds and molded lintels. On the first story of the south facade, the four window openings consist of one 6/6 windows over molded panels. There are no shutters.

The gable roof is covered with pressed metal shingle. The cornice is boxed with crown molding, and returned at the gable ends. The long south cornice and the raking cornices at the gable ends are embellished with console brackets interspersed with small molded modillions; for every eight modillions, there is an ornate jigsawn console bracket. Beneath the brackets is a scalloped board frieze. An interior brick chimney rises from the south plane of the roof at the west gable end. At each of the other three corresponding locations there is an exterior brick stove chimney. The house rests on a brick foundation; there is basement under the west section of the main block.

A small two-by-two-bay one-story kitchen wing extends north from northwest corner of and at the right angles to the main block. There is an enclosed porch on its east facade. Entrance to the kitchen is in the second bay of this east facade.

Interior plan of the main block is central stairhall with a large parlor on the west and two small parlors in the east. The open string stair rises along the west wall of the stairhall. It has a heavy turned newel with mitred cap, and turned balusters. Vertical wainscoting sheathes the spandrel.

Most of the interior walls have been panelled, and fireplaces have been closed. The floors are covered with linoleum, but the baseboards with their crown moldings are intact. The molded surrounds of doors and windows are also intact; they feature bold cyma reversa and astragal moldings.

Extending to the east and inset from both the north and south elevations of the main block is a lower two-story wing. It is roughly two bays by two bays, with entrance in the eastmost bay of the south facade, sheltered by a shallow one-story porch with bracketed posts. The first bay of this south facade is a one-story hip-roof semi-octagonal bay. The wing has been extended in depth one bay to the north, forming a kitchen under the catslide roof.

Siding of the wing is the same as the main block. Windows are 2/2 on the main south facade and 6/6 double hung sash on other elevations, with plain board surrounds and molded lintels. The narrow cornice has a plain board frieze and no brackets.

The main part of the wing consists of one room. Surrounds of doors and windows are grooved, with bullseye corner blocks. There is a plain wood mantel with plain shelf in the west interior wall. A boxed stair rises (toward the north) along the east exterior wall of this room. Beneath this stair is a stair to the cellar enclosed in the brick foundation of the wing. In this cellar one can observe reused materials: hand-hewn beams bearing plaster stains in random locations (on the lower edges of some and on the vertical sides of others), indicating the application of lathing in an earlier use and location. The sill beams of the wing are circular sawn.

The house stands on a high terraced knoll framed by old oaks, pines and hollies. It is approached from Willow Hill Road by an unpaved drive. Behind, to the north of the house is a molded concrete block garage, side-gabled with a gray asbestos shingle roof. Southeast of the house and to the east of the drive is a concrete block implement shed with a red standing-seam metal roof.

## 8. Significance

Survey No.

PG#72K-16

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates      ca. 1870      Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Webb-Brown House is a two-part side-gabled frame dwelling which is a noticeable landmark in a new residential subdivision. It is distinguished by its handsomely bracketed cornices and porch posts.

The main block of this house was probably built by John F. Webb, a lawyer who purchased 213 acres of land from the Berry family in 1870. The land was part of a tract called Carroll Manor owned by the Berry family in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. There was a house on the property by the early 1850's, for when John E. Berry, Sr., deeded it to his son in 1854, John E. Berry, Jr., was already residing there.<sup>1</sup> The 213-acre farm passed to Alonzo Berry (John E. Berry, Jr.'s brother) in the early 1860's, and in 1870 to lawyer John F. Webb. It was called, both by the Berrys and the Webbs, Glenway.<sup>2</sup> It was probably Webb who built the main block of the house, for the interior detail, where it survives, appears to be from the 1870's. It is probable that the kitchen wing was constructed from components of John E. Berry's house, for it is composed of some early materials, clearly reused.

After John F. Webb's death, the interest in his 213-acre farm was divided equally between his two children, William B. Webb and Charlotte Webb.<sup>3</sup> In 1899, after the death (1896) of William B. Webb, Charlotte's creditors brought suit against her for non-payment of debts. The Court of Equity ordered that Glenway be sold; Joseph S. Wilson and Marion Duckett were appointed to make the sale. The property was described as improved by a large dwelling house, a large barn and all other necessary outbuildings. In December 1899, they sold William B. Webb's one-half interest in the farm to Richard F. Brown, and at the same time, Charlotte Webb sold her interest to Brown also.<sup>4</sup>

Richard Brown farmed the land and raised twelve children in the large farmhouse. Before his death in 1929, he subdivided the property and devised the various parcels to his children. The house at that time was occupied by his son Clinton and daughter Ella. Richard Brown specified

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STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM  
Statement of Significance (continued)

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that the house should be divided between them, with the longitudinal center of the downstairs hall being the dividing line. Clinton was to own and occupy the west half of the house, and to keep his brother Emmet with him; Ella was to own and occupy the east half, and she was to allow any of her unmarried sisters to live with her. The 41-acre parcel in which the house stood was to be owned jointly by Clinton and Ella Brown. It remained their home until the 1970's, and has had a series of short-term owners since that time.<sup>6</sup> Beginning in 1971, the area around the home place has been developed into the residential neighborhood of Willow Hills, and the farm road (which led east from Hill Road to the old house) became Willow Hill Road.<sup>7</sup> In 1985, the residual 4.04 acre property was purchased by Bethel Bible Church, and the divided house is now occupied by members of the church.<sup>8</sup> Its closest parallel in Prince George's County is Navajo (78-22), built circa 1880 by carpenter John C. Wyvill for William B. Clagett. Navajo, however, has a central cross gable and more ornate detail; it also has a kitchen ell attached to the rear elevation. Glenway, the Webb-Brown house, is a noticeable landmark in a developed area, and a rare example of this type of post-Civil War frame farmhouse.

Notes:

- 1 Prince George's County Will TT#1:424; Deed ON#2:168.
- 2 Prince George's County Deeds FS#1:365; HB#3:822; cf. also tax assessments 1861-1900.
- 3 Prince George's County Deed JB#8:256.
- 4 Prince George's County Equity #2382; Prince George's County Deeds JB#8:253, 256.
- 5 Prince George's County Will WTD#2:208.
- 6 Cf. Chain of Title.
- 7 Prince George's County Plats #91:100, #95:82.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Tax Map#66, Parcel 97

**Quadrangle scale** \_\_\_\_\_

**B**

Diagram B shows three empty coordinate axes. The first axis is labeled 'Zone' and has two tick marks. The second axis is labeled 'Easting' and has four tick marks. The third axis is labeled 'Northing' and has four tick marks.

**D**

F

[illegible]

state	code	county	code
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**11. Form Prepared By**

city or town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

**PS-2746**



CHAIN OF TITLE  
BERRY-McKEEL HOUSE  
P.G.#72K-16

5362:186 23 Dec 1980 Deed	Ernest Graybeal et ux to William & Kathleen McKeel; 4.04 acres, residue of 41 acre tract described in 518:382
4073:440 20 Apr 1972 Deed	Walter C. and Dorothy Brown to Ernest Graybeal et ux; parcels 2 & 3 of Lot #8, farm of Richard F. Brown
518:382 17 Jan 1939 Deed	Ella Brown to Walter C. Brown and wife Dorothy; Lot #8, 41.34 acres of Richard F. Brown's estate, devised to his children Ella & Walter C. by will, WTD#2:208
WTD#2:208 13 Aug 1929 Will	Richard F. Brown, testator: items #8,9 & 10. division of testators dwelling house and farm "Richard F. Brown's Part of Carroll Manor" in Seat Pleasant district; to son Walter Clinton Brown, the west half of the house on Lot #8 (41.34 acres); to daughter Ella east half of same house, the longitudinal center of the downstairs hall being the dividing line; to Ella & W.Clinton, Lot #8, 41.34 acres, exclusive of house thereon.
JB#8:253 28 Dec 1899 Deed	Duckett & Wilson, trustees, to Richard F. Brown; trustees appointed to sell real estate of William B. Webb, Equity #2382; 213 acres, $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in the land conveyed by Alonzo Berry to John F. Webb, father of Wm. B. Webb.
JB#8:256 28 Dec 1899 Deed	Charlotte, Henry and John S. Webb to Richard F. Brown; other $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in 213 acres of land of William B. Webb, cf. above.
FB#3:822 7 Sept 1870 Deed	Alonzo & Virginia Berry to John F. Webb; 213 acres, part of Carrolls Manor; same land conveyed to Virginia Berry in FS#1:365
FS#1:365 29 Dec 1862 Deed	John E. Berry, Jr. to Virginia W. Berry, wife of Alonzo Berry; 213 acres, part of Carrolls Manor

ON#2:168  
13 July 1854  
Deed

John E. Berry Sr. and 5 sons to son  
John E. Berry Jr.; ca. 200 acres of Carrolls  
Manor where JEB Jr. now lives; whereas Ben-  
jamin Berry devised to JEB Sr(during his life  
and to his sons after his death) part of  
Carrolls Manor, purchased by Jeremiah Berry  
from Charles Carroll of Carrollton, part of  
which is now in the possession of JEB Jr.;  
and whereas JEB Sr. has agreed to relin-  
quish his life estate to his sons; now  
father and sons grant land to John E. Berry Jr.

TT#1:424  
21 Dec 1827  
Will

Testator, Benjamin Berry; to son John E.  
Berry (and then to his sons after his  
death) all the lands adjoining my home  
Independence, purchased by my father from  
Charles Carroll of Carrollton

Proposed 72A-16

The Berry-McKeel house (Carroll Manor)  
7600 Willow Hill Drive, Seat Pleasant, Md.  
Priv/occ/res/fair-good c. 4 acres

(mid-19th c.)

The Berry-McKeel house is a two-story frame house with gable roof. The main block has a five-bay south facade with entrance in the central bay; the double door has a transom and entablature with console brackets. At the west gable end are two chimneys: one exterior on the north slope, and one interior on the south slope. A one-story porch with bracketed posts spans the south facade of this main block, and the cornice is supported with both small and console brackets. A two-bay wing extends to the east; its slightly lower gable roof has unequal planes.

The land on which this house stands was known as Carroll Manor; Jeremiah Berry purchased a portion of the tract from Charles Carroll of Carrollton, and passed it down through his family. There was a house on the property by the early 1850's, for when John E. Berry, Sr., deeded it to his son in 1854, the younger Berry was already residing there. The main block appears to have been built at approximately this period; the east wing, however, is puzzling, for although its interior trim appears to be from later in the nineteenth century, the cellar framing is clearly reused material; the hand-hewn beams bear plaster stains in random locations (i.e., on lower edges of some, on vertical sides of others) indicating the application of lathing at an earlier time. The position of the chimneys between the main block and the wing suggests that the wing was reconstructed in its present location before the building of the main house.

The property passed to Alonzo Berry (John E. Berry Jr.'s brother) in the early 1850's, and in 1870 to lawyer John F. Webb. For most of the twentieth century it was the home of the Brown family, the 200-acre farm being known as "Richardson Brown's part of Carroll Manor". During much of this period, the house was divided (by will) down the center of the main hallway, a brother and his wife on one side, and his unmarried sisters on the other. The house with several early 20th century outbuildings now stands on a 4-acre lot, completely surrounded

The Berry-McKeel house is a good example of an early-to-mid-19th century farmhouse, with outstanding interior and exterior detail.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #72A-16

Building Date: ca. 1870

Building Name: Webb-Brown House (Berry-McKeel House)

Location: 7600 Willow Hill Drive, Seat Pleasant, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Fair/Inaccessible

Description

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Significance

The Webb-Brown House is a two-part side-gabled frame dwelling which is a noticeable landmark in a new residential subdivision. It is distinguished by its handsomely bracketed cornices and porch posts. The main block of this house was probably built by John F. Webb, a lawyer who purchased 213 acres of this land from the Berry family in 1870. Interior detail, where it survives, appears to be from the 1870's; it is probable that the kitchen wing was constructed from components of Berry's house, for it is composed of some early materials, clearly reused. The property was called, both by the Berrys and the Webbs, Glenway. During the first three quarters of this century, the house was owned and occupied by the family of Richard F. Brown; it has had a series of short-term owners since that time.<sup>6</sup> Beginning in 1971, the area around the home place has been developed into the residential neighborhood of Willow Hills. In 1985, the residual 4.04 acre property was purchased by Bethel Bible Church, and the divided house is now occupied by members of the church. Glenway, the Webb-Brown house, is a noticeable landmark in a developed area, and a rare example of this type of post-Civil War frame farmhouse.

Acreage: 4.04 acres

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Berry-McKeel House

AND/OR COMMON Carrolls Manor

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER 7600 Willow Hill Drive

CITY, TOWN Seat Pleasant VICINITY OF 5th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Maryland Prince George's COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME William &amp; Kathleen McKeel

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER 7600 Willow Hill Drive

CITY, TOWN Seat Pleasant VICINITY OF Maryland STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE, P.G. Co. Courthouse  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Liber #: 5362

Folio #: 186

STREET &amp; NUMBER Main Street

CITY, TOWN Upper Maryland, Md. STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE none

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Berry-McKeel house is a two-story frame house with gable roof. The main block has a five-bay south facade with entrance in the central bay; the double door has a transom and entablature with console brackets. At the west gable end are two chimneys: one exterior on the north slope, and one interior on the south slope. A one-story porch with bracketed posts spans the south facade of this main block, and the cornice is supported with both small and console brackets. A two-bay wing extends to the east; its slightly lower gable roof has unequal planes.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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local history

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The land on which this house stands was known as Carroll Manor; Jeremiah Berry purchased a portion of the tract from Charles Carroll of Carrollton, and passed it down through his family. There was a house on the property by the early 1850's, for when John E. Berry, Sr., deeded it to his son in 1854, the younger Berry was already residing there.<sup>1</sup> The main block appears to have been built at approximately this period; the east wing, however, is puzzling, for although its interior trim appears to be from later in the nineteenth century, the cellar framing is clearly reused material: the hand-hewn beams bear plaster stains in random locations (i.e., on lower edges of some, on vertical sides of others) indicating the application of lathing at an earlier time. The position of the chimneys between the main block and the wing suggests that the wing was reconstructed in its present location before the building of the main house. .

The property passed to Alonzo Berry (John E. Berry Jr.'s brother) in the early 1860's, and in 1870 to lawyer John F. Webb.<sup>2</sup> For most of the twentieth century it was the home of the Brown family, the 200+-acre farm being known as "Richard F. Brown's part of Carroll Manor". During much of this period, the house was divided (by will) down the center of the main hallway, a brother and his wife on one side, and his unmarried sisters on the other.<sup>3</sup> The house with several early 20th century outbuildings now stands on a four-acre lot, completely surrounded by new subdivision houses. It is being renovated by new owners.

The Berry-McKeel house is a good example of an early-to-mid-19th century farmhouse, with outstanding interior and exterior detail.

1. Will TT#1:424; Deed ON#2:168
2. Deeds PS#1:365; HB#3:822;
3. Deed JB#8:253,256; Will WED#2:208

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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CHAIN OF TITLE  
HARRY-McKEEL HOUSE  
P.D.#72X-16

5362:186 23 Dec 1980 Deed	Ernest Graybeal et ux to William & Kathleen McKeel; 4.04 acres, residue of 41 acres tract described in 518:382
4073:440 20 Apr 1972 Deed	Walter C. and Dorothy Brown to Ernest Graybeal et ux; parcels 2 & 3 of Lot #8, farm of Richard F. Brown
518:382 17 Jan 1939 Deed	Ella Brown to Walter C. Brown and wife Dorothy; Lot #8, 41.34 acres of Richard F. Brown's estate, devised to his children Ella & Walter C. by will, WTD#2:208
WTD#2:208 13 Aug 1929 Will	Richard F. Brown, testator: items #8, 9 & 10. division of testators dwelling house and farm "Richard F. Brown's Part of Carroll Manor" in Seat Pleasant district; to son Walter Clinton Brown, the west half of the house on Lot #8 (41.34 acres); to daughter Ella east half of same house, the longitudinal center of the downstairs hall being the dividing line; to Ella & W. Clinton, Lot #8, 41.34 acres, exclusive of house thereon.
JB#8:253 28 Dec 1899 Deed	Duckett & Wilson, trustees, to Richard F. Brown; trustees appointed to sell real estate of William H. Webb, Equity #2382; 213 acres, $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in the land conveyed by Alonzo Berry to John H. Webb, father of Wm. H. Webb.
JB#8:255 28 Dec 1899 Deed	Charlotte, Henry and John H. Webb to Richard F. Brown; other $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in 213 acres of land of William H. Webb, cf. above.
HR#3:822 7 Sept 1870 Deed	Alonzo & Virginia Berry to John H. Webb; 213 acres, part of Carrolls Manor; same land conveyed to Virginia Berry in PS#1:355
PS#1:355 29 Dec 1862 Deed	John E. Berry, Jr. to Virginia W. Berry, wife of Alonzo Berry; 213 acres, part of Carrolls Manor

ON#2:168  
13 July 1854  
Deed

John E. Berry Sr. and 5 sons to son  
John E. Berry Jr.; ca. 200 acres of Carrolls  
Manor where JEB Jr. now lives; whereas Ben-  
jamin Berry devised to JEB Sr (during his life  
and to his sons after his death) part of  
Carrolls Manor, purchased by Jeremiah Berry  
from Charles Carroll of Carrollton, part of  
which is now in the possession of JEB Jr.;  
and whereas JEB Sr. has agreed to relin-  
quish his life estate to his sons; now  
father and sons grant land to John E. Berry Jr.

PT#1:424  
21 Dec 1827  
Will

Testator, Benjamin Berry; to son John E.  
Berry (and then to his sons after his  
death) all the lands adjoining my home  
Independence, purchased by my father from  
Charles Carroll of Carrollton

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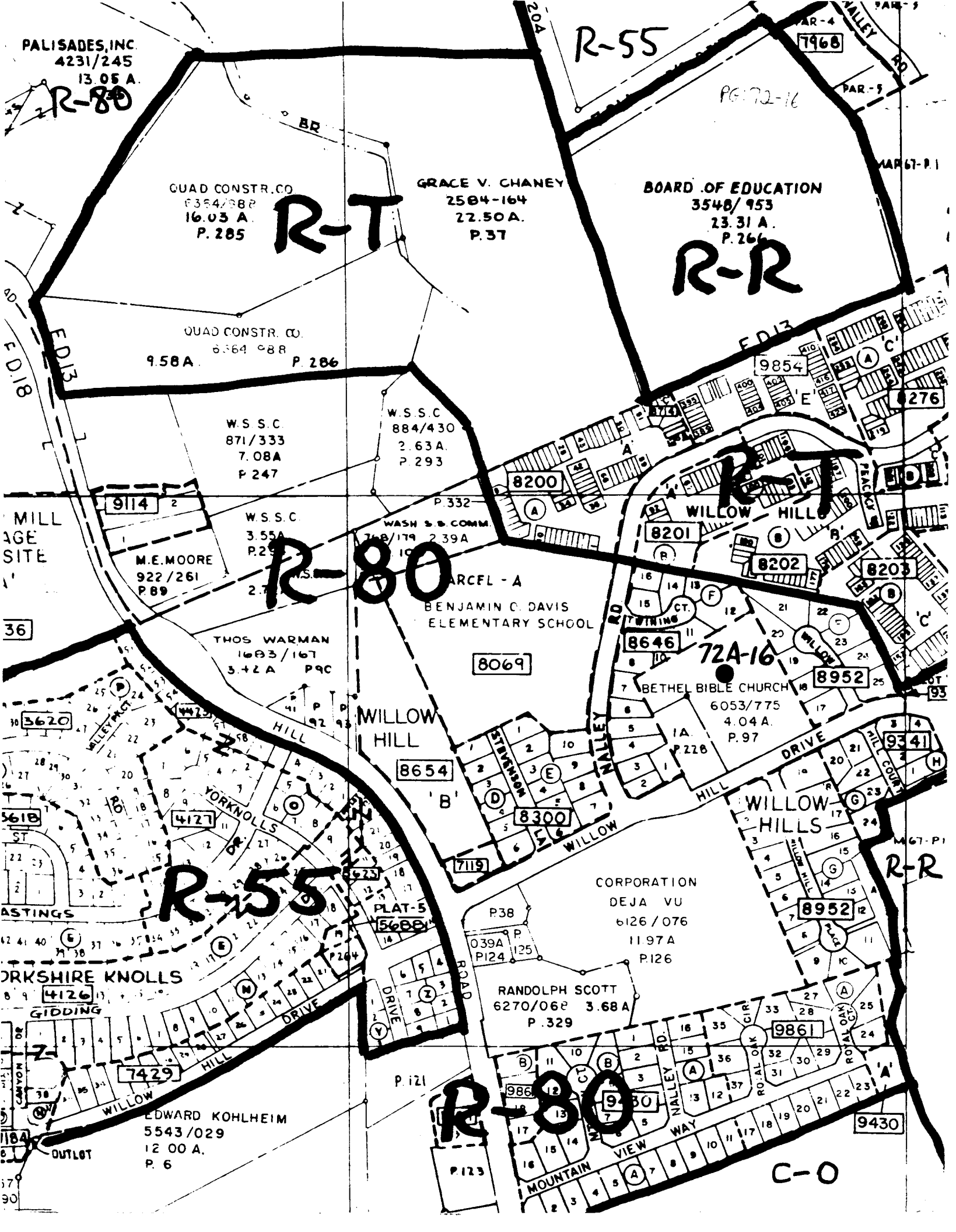
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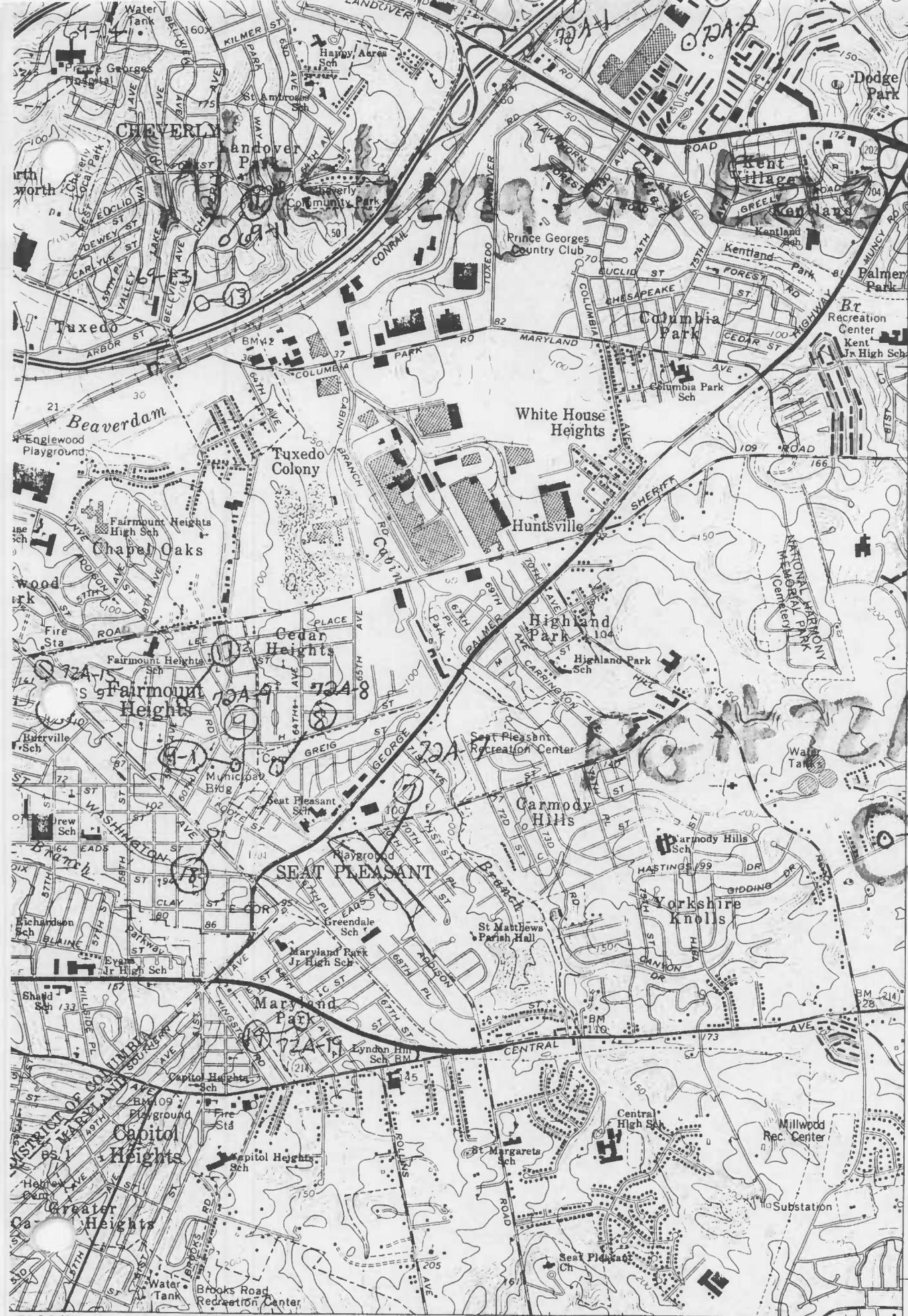
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UPPER MARLBORO 11 MI

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38°52'30"  
76°52'30"

HTS 2.3 MI.  
DRO 11 MI.

55'

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West elevation

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South entrance

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Northeast  $\frac{3}{4}$  elevation

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looking south from porch  
of house

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